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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Michael S. South et al.

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For SUBSTITUTED POLYCYCLIC ARYL AND HETEROARYL PYRYMIDINONES USEFUL AS ANTICOAGULANTS

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

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SIR:

This letter is in response to the Office action of May 21, 2003, in which an election of a Group of claims for prosecution on the merits was requested.

In response, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-50, directed toward compounds of the formula in claim 1 wherein M is nitrogen, their compositions and methods of use, for further prosecution in the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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